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MEMORANDUM FOR: Collection Guidance Staff

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Request to NPIC from DIA for PI Work
on Certain Soviet Missile Matters

1. Your request to Dr. Chamberlain of OSI to provide both OSI and DD/S&T coordination on subject request has been undertaken by Dr. Chamberlain. Attached is a recommended redraft of a reply to Admiral Frankel from Mr. Lundahl on this matter.

2. It is our opinion that Mr. Lundahl should make a less specific statement acknowledging the priority he proposes to give to this request than indicated in the language appearing in the last sentence of the second paragraph of his proposed reply. The letter from Admiral Frankel does not ask for the highest priority effort but a highest priority effort. Additionally, in paragraph 3 of Admiral Frankel's letter he states that a highest priority over other PI efforts should be undertaken "where feasible." While DIA certainly has a right, when the facts so justify, to request high priority treatment, they do not unilaterally have the prerogative to pre-empt facilities of NPIC. Additionally, on a matter of this type, the more appropriate body to either levy or concur on priority treatment of a national requirement would be GMAIC. However, neither the facts of this case nor the actual language used by Admiral Frankel should impel NPIC to take an unequivocal position on granting superior priorities the fulfillment of which may well mitigate against the accomplishment of other priority requests levied by this Agency.

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Attachment: as stated

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